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RESPONSE AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.182 AND 1.183 FOR REFUND OF EXTENSION FEE

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (the "Notice") dated April 13, 2004, please enter the replacement Abstract enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a marked-up copy showing the changes.

Also enclosed is a petition for a two month extension of time.

Although the Notice bears a mailing date of April 13, 2004, we did not receive it until August 12, 2004. The enclosed copy of the Notice shows our "Received" stamp with the date "August 12, 2004." I have carefully checked our internal records and confirmed that the Notice was not received before August 12, 2004.

Therefore, I hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 and §1.183 for a refund of the \$420.00 extension fee, and for waiver of the fee for the present Petition.

Please apply the refund and any required fees to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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